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Date: 25 Apr 1994 18:38:52 GMT
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To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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gganderson@augustana.edu (Kevin Anderson -7325) writes:

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> mentioned really).

Therein lies the tale.

When I was first licensed 43 years ago, Part 97 (which was Part 12 then) contained elaborate rules about portable/mobile operation, including how to ID.

Included were rules requiring notification of the Engineer-in-Charge at the affected district offices BY MAIL prior to and monthly during any period of portable/mobile operation which was more than 24 hours long without returning to the address on your license!

If your portable operation was at the same fixed location for more than three months, you were required to apply for either a change of address or A SECOND STATION LICENSE. The latter option was available to people who had stations in two places such as

home and the office, vacation cabin, college dorm, etc. You had to prove you had a full complement of radios at both. When I was at UIUC in the late 50s, my second call was K9HBV.

Somewhere along the line the FCC grew weary of all that paper work, and these requirements were dropped one by one until today there is nothing in Part 97 at all about notification, ID, or the like. As long as they can send you mail at the address on the license, they don't care where you operate from or how you ID as long as your callsign is in there somewhere. The upgrade ID requirement is the only remaining vestige of the former practice.

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Subject: [News] FCC Gets New Weapon
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Jeffrey Herman (jherman@uhunix3.uhcc.Hawaii.Edu) wrote:

: AP Article Title: FCC Gets New Weapon Vs. Pirates

: WASHINGTON (AP) -- The radio police have a new weapon to fight
: pirates of the airways.

Good.

: By June the FCC will have 10 such cars, each installed with
: \$75,000 worth of equipment. The commission would not say which of
: its 35 field offices, located in most major cities, will be the
: first to receive the cars.

All of 10?

: The FCC finds about two or three pirated radio signals a month,
: ranging from people trying to operate low power FM radio stations
: to taxi cab dispatchers. Businesses and boat operators, however,

: are the biggest culprits, said commission spokesman Steve Svab.

This I believe. People head for their local electronics shop and pick up a nice Marine or off-the-shelf business band HT and think they're still playing walkie-talkies. Of *course* you don't need a license - it's "red dot"! Right? "Bruno, you want Hot and Sour, or Egg Drop?"

Extended receive is so much fun.

I once rented a pair of UHF HTs, and asked the fellow if any ID was necessary. No, he said, which I thought was odd. Yes, said Part 90, when I looked in it later, but how do you cram a callsign out of a mistaken licensee? I think a lot of people on those bands have no idea of what the rules really are.

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Subject: FCC computers

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In <042394000906Rnf0.77b9@amcomp.com> dan@amcomp.com (Dan Pickersgill) writes:

>jlw3@cec3.wustl.edu (Jesse L Wei) writes:

>>Here's the latest FCC laugh -- I called the Gettysburg office today and
>>the first thing I heard was "our computers are down. . ."

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>>Go figure. . .Does this mean processing times will fall another week behind???

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>>--jesse

>Depends on how much time the people at Gettysburg spend on the phone
>answering questions vs. issuing licenses.

I doubt if those who do the FCC license paper work (all two of them :-) also maintain the computer systems. Anyway, all government computer and network techs are busy trying to keep the IRS computers online! ;-))

BTW, what kind of computer are they running over in Gettysburg? A

PDP 1123 with the washing-machine sized drives?? On the otherhand,
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I don't know, but rumor has it the Smithsonian wants it when the
FCC gets a new one. :)

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Date: 25 Apr 94 13:52:09 GMT
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Subject: Illinois anti scanner legislation
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

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>I'm glad I live in Missouri and Texas, and not Illinois!!!
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they already are. have been for some time.

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bill wb9ivr

Date: 25 Apr 1994 19:21:39 GMT
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Aah waas speekin' of *aul* 'da freeks, includin' public-service ones!!

--jesse

btw, I already have a mod-ed scanner, and I know all about the ECPA, to be effective TOMORROW!!!!

Date: 25 Apr 1994 17:31:53 GMT
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Subject: SBS club call? (was Re: Upgraded license expiration question
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <1994Apr23.202817.15224@gsm001.mendelson.com> gsmlrn@mendelson.com
(Geoffrey S. Mendelson) writes:

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>I know someone this happened to. She upgraded to extra and received AAxFU.
>She did not want this call, and was quite offended by it. She was so embarased
>that she refused to use it. She called the FCC and was told that her old
>call was "deleted" when the new one was assigned. SHE WAS NO LONGER ALLOWED TO
>USE HER OLD CALL. She had to either use the new one or stay off the radio

>until her 610 form requesting a new one was processed.

Gosh, a call like AA1FU would probably make the SBS crowd a good club call.

>There was a happy ending to this story. Due to intervention by her congressperson she had her new call within a week.

Maybe Mike can give the same congresscritter a call and get the call.

:-)

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* (310) 348-6043 | mine and do not necessarily *
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* This Extra supports the abolition of the 13 and 20 WPM tests *

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> club call.

An Extra Class NTS traffic handler I know ASKED for a WxFU call. ;-)

Hint: Look at the NTS message format of about ten years ago.

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newsfeed.pitt.edu!dsinc!netnews.upenn.edu!gopher.cs.uofs.edu!triangle.cs.uofs.edu!
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References <2p8ulf\$ov4@bigfoot.wustl.edu>, <042394000906Rnf0.77b9@amcomp.com>, <1994Apr25.141334.26398@mixcom.mixcom.com>
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bill KB3YV

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Bill Gunshannon | de-moc-ra-cy (di mok' ra see) n. Three wolves
bill@cs.uofs.edu | and a sheep voting on what's for dinner.
University of Scranton |
Scranton, Pennsylvania | #include <std.disclaimer.h>

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We have one here that is reported to use gears and
pushrods, and uses a white rat running in a wheel
to power it.

Couldent resist it.

Ed Bathgate

Date: Tue, 26 Apr 1994 00:09:54 GMT
From: elroy.jpl.nasa.gov!swrinde!emory!news-feed-2.peachnet.edu!news-
feed-1.peachnet.edu!news.duke.edu!eff!news.kei.com!world!drt@ames.arpa
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References <CoKBAp.Lwt@cup.hp.com>, <2p40p5\$isa@abyss.West.Sun.COM>,
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That's my understanding.

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Well, the rule specifies that KT is to be used when a Novice upgrades
to Technician.

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: mentioned really).

Except for the catchall that anything suffix is legal as long as it
doesn't conflict with ITU or FCC prefixes. I think you're right about
/AG8 being OK.

-drt

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